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Committee Bill No. 5573

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE MILK REGULATION BOARD AND A
STUDY OF THE CONNECTICUT DAIRY INDUSTRY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-131 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3 (a) In accordance with section 4-9a, the Governor, with the advice
4 and consent of either house of the General Assembly, shall appoint
5 [six] eight electors of the state, [two] three of whom are actively
6 engaged in the sale and distribution of milk, two of whom have no
7 active or financial interest in the production or sale of milk, and [two]
8 three of whom are actively engaged in the production of milk, which
9 [six] eight electors, with the Commissioner of Public Health, or [his]
10 the commissioners designee, and the Commissioner of Agriculture,
11 shall constitute the Milk Regulation Board. The Governor, for cause,
12 after a public hearing, may remove any appointed member of the
13 board.

14 (b) The Milk Regulation Board shall keep a record of all its
15 proceedings. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall be the

16 chairperson of the board, shall enforce the regulations established by
 17 the board and shall further administer any other duties prescribed by
 18 the board. The office of the Commissioner of Agriculture shall be the
 19 office of the board. Each of the [six] eight members of the Milk
 20 Regulation Board appointed under the provisions of this section shall
 21 receive seventy-five dollars for each day the member attends a meeting
 22 of the board. The total payments to each member shall not exceed
 23 seven hundred fifty dollars each year, such payments to be made from
 24 the appropriations made for the Commissioner of Agriculture.

25 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) The Milk Regulation Board
 26 shall complete a comprehensive study of the dairy industry in the
 27 state. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the costs of milk
 28 production, the ability of state dairy farmers to meet milk supply
 29 demands, regional milk price equity and milk supply and price issues
 30 relating to dairy farmers, consumers, processors and retailers.

31 (b) Not later than July 1, 2006, the Milk Regulation Board shall
 32 complete the study and report the results of such study, in accordance
 33 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
 34 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 35 matters relating to the environment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	22-131
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

ENV *Joint Favorable*